

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Public Notice Announcement
Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
Northern California Re-Entry Facility
Stockton, California

What's Being Planned: The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Northern California Re-Entry Facility. The proposed project would convert the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center Annex (CTCA) (formerly the Northern California Women's Facility) into an adult male re-entry facility. The facility would house 500 inmates and would employ 316 staff distributed over three shifts. The goal of the re-entry facility is to house male inmates who are less than a year from their release date, parole violators, or parolees pending revocation of parole, who are either paroling to, or returning to prison from, the Counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, or Amador. The facility would ease their transition out of the prison system by providing counseling, job training, and housing placement services and improve public safety by re-uniting families and providing job skills related to the local economy. Relocation of the correctional officer training center will not be addressed in this CEQA document.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located within the secure perimeter of the existing Richard A. McGee CTCA at 7150 East Arch Road, Stockton. The project site is a 134-acre property adjacent to the northeast corner of the Northern California Youth Correctional Center (NCYCC). The site is less than two miles east of State Route 99 in unincorporated central San Joaquin County.

Probable Environmental Effects: CDCR has prepared an IS/MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063. CDCR has studied the effects that the proposed project may have on the environment. The studies show that the project either will not significantly affect the quality of the environment, or that all significant impacts can clearly be mitigated to a level that is less than significant.

Where You Come In: As lead agency under CEQA, CDCR is releasing the IS/MND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 30-day public review period from February 28, 2008 through March 28, 2008.

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: Formal comments regarding the IS/MND may be submitted in writing, via mail, e-mail or fax any time during the public review period. The IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period from February 28, 2008 through March 28, 2008. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than March 28, 2008. Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND are also available for public review at the following locations:

San Joaquin Central Library
Chavez Central
605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton

City of Stockton
Community Development Department
345 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton

San Joaquin County
Community Development Department
1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton

Manteca Branch Library
320 W. Center, Manteca

Lathrop Branch Library
15461 7th St., Lathrop